



Message from our President:

Greetings;

This message is more of an "Executive Order" than a "message". In fact, this is Executive Order #0001 of my administration. It deals with the important function and purpose of the "Greeter".

The purpose of the below "job description" is to emphasize the role and expectations of the Greeter, that is, "to greet all who come to our meetings".

I appreciate your efforts to make our members and guests feel most welcome...with a handshake and a smile.

President Ben Snowden

Greeter: Job Description

(From our esteemed and benevolent leader)

1. Be at the sign in desk no later than 9:45.
2. Shake hands and greet guests and members.
3. Have guests sign the guest book.
4. Show them where to sit.
5. Tell them where the coffee and goodies are.
6. Let the President know about guests, before meeting starts via a slip of paper..
7. Sit at regular table when meeting starts.
8. If someone comes in after meeting starts, get up, greet them and show them to a seat.

Remember, a greeter GREETs...so be friendly and smile.

HELP NEEDED:

It sure would be NICE if someone would volunteer to help out with Interclubs until Don comes back. See Shirley if you are willing to "do something" to help out. THX.

Edmonds Night Out:

Thanks to Elwin and John Nutting for volunteering during Edmonds Night out. Their help was much appreciated. Also, Elwin, Dorothea and Shirley staffed the Edmonds Kiwanis booth at the event....showing off our projects to help the children of our community. THANKS

Berry Drive:

A special thanks to Clayne for ALL the work he does in organizing and executing our annual berry drive each and every year. We owe Clayne a BIG THANKS.

Help in picking up the berries - Jim B., Ray, Dick K. and Paul. Help in passing out - Shirley (every "berry" for the last 5 years), Elwin, Dorothea, Buck and Paul. Helping calling the customers - Frank, Billy Joe, Mary Lou and Jim. Thanks to all willing to work for the cause.

Review of Sales 2005 - 2007

2005 - 111 straw 61 rasp 178 blue for net \$2330.

2006 - 103 straw 59 rasp 185 blue for net \$2232.

2007 - 92 straw 41 rasp 176 blue for net \$1996.

This is a big resource for funding our projects.

Membership:

At the July 17th pre-meeting, Past President John Rutter recommended that we create two teams, comprised of the current members, that would compete in getting new members for our club. This plan will be brought before the board. He also suggested that members be ready to offer up tactics, for finding potential members, at our August board meeting. Please be ready to offer up some ideas so we get ALL our members engaged in this effort.

Weekly Kiwanis Meeting:

South County Senior Center
220 Railroad Ave. Edmonds
Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Programs:

Contact: Buck Weaver (425-774-3568)

Aug 7: Kristen Rezabek, MS, RD, CD.

Ms. Rezabek is affiliated with Senior Services of Snohomish County.

Topic: Nutrition and Healthy Aging.

Aug 14: Wally Walsh, Lt. Gov. Elect, Div. 22

Topic: "Sending a message to our communities about Kiwanis"

Aug 21: Barbara Moss, National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE).

Topic: Alzheimers Disease

Aug 28: John Rutter, Past Pres. Kiwanis

Topic: "The Latest Information on How to Save Our Democracy Through Project Vote Smart"

Inter-Clubs:

Contact: Shirley Elliott (425-778-0756)

TO BE DETERMINED.

Other Meetings:

Board Meeting: Aug. 21st 9 a.m. SCSC Library.

August 23-26th PNW District Convention Tacoma Convention Center

Interested in attending??? See Shirley.

Snohomish County Kiwanis

Events!!!

<http://www.snohomishkiwanis.org/>

Greeters:

- 7th: Homer Cardle
- 14th: Dorothea Forrest
- 21st: Elaine Hinze
- 28th: Harold Huston

September Programs:

Captain: Dexter Miller(425-744-2346)

Ray Olson

Ray Roe

Dorothea Forrest

Ben Snowden

Mike Medalia

Birthdays /Anniversaries:

- 4th: John Nutting
- 5th: Loretta Huston
- 8th: Paul Jacobson
- 11th: Dianne Suhara
- 17th: Buck Weaver



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**THIS SPACE AVAILABLE
FOR A NEW SUPPORTER!!!
Contact Buck/Paul for details.**

Youth Services Projects

Key Club, Meadowdale High School
Children's Hospital

Elementary School Mentoring

Clothes for Kids

Bicycle Safety Helmets

Student Dictionary Project

Community Service Projects

Edmonds Food Bank

South County Senior Center

*Got a Project? Come join us.
New Members and New Ideas*

welcomed!!!



KIWANIS is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

To learn more:

<http://www.kiwanis.org/kfl/>

Young Children: "Priority One" Projects

Little Red School House

Activity Supplies, Meadowdale Pre-School

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies

Community Services Projects

Edmonds Seniors Officers:

President: Ben Snowdon (206-546-9208)

Pres. Elect: Harold Huston (425-771-8201)

V.Pres.: Paul Jacobson (425-771-8949)

Secretary: Shirley Elliot (425-778-0756)

Treasurer: Billy Joe Roberts (425-778-1843)

Past Pres.: John Rutter (425-778-6502)

Edmonds Seniors Board:

Elwin Wright (425-776-2892)

John Nutting (425-771-4774)

George Bardsley (206-546-4005)

Dorothy Lund (425-673-1144)

Dexter Miller (425-744-2346)

Mike Medalia (425-774-5467)

Mary Lou Kantor (425-712-8085)



The “Really True” But Abbreviated Life Story of Benjamin H. Snowdon

On February 14, 1922 A.D. I was delivered into this world kicking and screaming. It was still winter in the small town of Libby, which is located in the northern and really cold part of Montana. My father was a accountant for the phone company and also the Justice of the Peace. The family consisted of father, mother, and a brother and sister. We eventually moved to Spokane where my father still worked for the same phone company. We lived there until approximately 1927...and this is the time when I started to remember things.

In 1927 we moved to Burns, Oregon where my father bought the local phone company. It had one small switch board and an operator and my father would do some of the line work. The cowboys liked to use the pole insulators for target practice and keep him busy. The town of Burns was at the time a typical old west town, board walks, etc. The cowboys would ride in, tie up their horses at the hitching post. They all carried rifles for coyotes, wolves, etc. The sheep herders carried shotguns for rattle snakes. About ten miles outside of town was a Payute Indian reservation. Our house was on the outskirts of town. We had our own well and water tank. When the few Indians would come into town, they would tap softly on the back screen door to ask for water for their ten mile hike back to the reservation. Sometimes they would leave a feather, a small arrowhead, or sometimes an agate on the back steps for father. I always felt sorry for them.

In 1930 my father sold the phone company and we moved to Seattle. We had a house in the U district so my brother and sister could attend the schools in the Wallingford district. When I was a first half senior at Lincoln High, I joined the National Guard because they had a good basketball court. This was in 1940. In 1941 came Pearl Harbor and my immediate enlistment into the regular army...for the duration or life, whichever came first.



Summer 1941 at home

At first it seemed that anybody above private didn't know what to do with us. First, I was in the 146th Field Artillery unit, then the 641st Tank Destroyer Battalion. All the troops were then shipped out, via a 5 day train trip, to Fort Dix outside of New



York. We were supposed to load onto the S.S. Normandy but it sunk in the New York harbor so they loaded us (2000 troops) on the S.S. Uruguay. We went down the east coast, through the Panama Canal. We stopped at Bora-Bora for water, then onto Auckland, New Zealand and more water. We then stopped at Melbourne, Australia for 6 months to get our equipment. We then moved up to Rockhampton, Queensland and stayed another 6 months. Then it was off to Darwin as the Japanese had moved into Port Moresby, New Guinea.



4.2 mortar crew: Buna, New Guinea, 1942

Now came the baptism by fire. Our first landing...what a mess! We now had our 4.2 heavy mortars. This engagement was down to firing at each other across the small airfield. The enemy finally pulled back and retreated by the Kadota Trail over the Owen-Stanley range to Buna, New Guinea. We then were moved by ship around the end of New Guinea to Buna and the airfield at Doba-Dura. The rest of my three and one half years was "skip jumping" up the coast of New Guinea, The Dutch East Indies, Mindanao and finally landing at Lingayen Gulf on Luzon of the Philippine islands. Eight landings in all. I almost "bought the farm", as they say, on the last landing. Our landing craft hit a sea mine and broke in half. I was flown back to a base hospital. I thought I would be sent home...but no such luck. I did get R&R though. (Repair and Return). Finally after another 6 months I earned enough points and was returned home. I finally got on the ship at Manila and when I saw it was moving I went right to the medics. The doctor was mad at me. I had a pain in my right leg. They found a small piece of metal in my leg. I told the doc I wasn't missing the ship for anything.

We arrived at San Francisco and shipped to Fort Lewis via train where I was given \$200 plus bus fare to Seattle and discharged. This was in June of 1945.

I got in "touch" with Joan Forbes in Vancouver, B.C. We knew each before the war when we were teens. I had an aunt who lived across the street from Joan so rekindling the relationship was easier. We were married June 8, 1946. We had one son, Wade, who now lives in Kirkland. Both of Joan's parents had businesses. Her father had a hardwood flooring business and her mother had a high end dress shop. We lived in Canada for about two and a half years.

We then moved back to the states where we purchased a small house near Haller Lake. We lived there for 15 years. In 1964 we built the home where we now live in



Shoreline. I had attended the UW at nights and had joined the International Society of Appraisers and was working for King County. After 4 years I took the tests of the society and earned my title as Senior Appraiser. I was 5 years in residential appraisal and 25 years in the commercial area and supervision.



President Ben singing O'Canada at the 2005 Kiwanis Banquet

My wife and I are both in our 80's and watching for the "golden years". When do they show up??? Did we miss them??? Hey BEN, we love you man!!!

[Tour of Edmonds Center for the Arts, July 17th:](#)





Honorary Member, Lucille Claussen, celebrated her 95th Birthday on 7/28/2007 at Edmonds Landing with family and friends.

Her late husband, Ken Claussen, was a longtime member of the Kiwanis Club of Edmonds Srs., and was a former president.

Annual Picnic in the Park:

Another smashing success by coordinator Ray Roe. What a beautiful day for food and fellowship. In addition to members (and some wives), we were honored to have several guests including acting Lt. Governor Larry Merwin.



Kiwanis Kingpins: Ben Snowdon and Larry Merwin



**The 3 amigos: Jim, Ray, and George...
“I’ll cut the cake, Bardsley”
You can have your cake and eat it too!!!**

Other guests included Claire Voit, Howie’s wife, Lois Schulba, from Sebastopol, CA...friends of Elwin and Dorothea and a Juneau graduate. Frank brought a guest, Betty Foster from Conroe, Texas. Betty is frank’s son’s mother-in-law. Then there was Olive Jenings, the guest of Richard...“Can I have the next dance?” Kosola.

Hey, it was great having all of us together enjoying fried chicken, sushi and of course strawberry shortcake. Special thanks to the Bracket’s Landing Canary for his rendition of “America the Beautiful”.

If you have a story or pictures you would like to share with our members , please contact Paul. Let’s work together to make this an interesting and informative periodical.